

WI-376

1895

Siloam United Methodist Church  
Allen vicinity  
Public worship

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## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Siloam United Methodist Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-376

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture  
   Religion
2. Geographic Orientation:       Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):     Industrial/Urban Dominance  
   1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s):               Church

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-376

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Siloam Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common Siloam United Methodist Church

### 2. Location

street & number Corner of Siloam and Campground roads ☐ not for publicationcity, town Allen ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Siloam United Methodist Church

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Siloam United Methodist Church is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Siloam and Campground roads in the vicinity of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front frame church faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1895, the single-story frame structure is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Flanking the church on two sides is a nineteenth and twentieth-century cemetery.

The northeast (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a projecting gable roofed frame vestibule occupying the center bay. The gable front wall of the vestibule is pierced by a double door opening fitted with late nineteenth-century paneled doors. The gable roof of the vestibule has extended eaves and exposed rafter ends. Fixed above the vestibule is a triangular louvered vent that pierces the gable end of the main block. Painted on one of the louvers is the date "1874." A Gothic arched sash window pierces each side of the vestibule, and a longer, Gothic arch window pierces the gable end of the church. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and molded bargeboard.

The northwest and southeast sides of the church are marked by five pointed arch windows filled with opaque bubbled glass. Fixed in the lower corner of the extended eave is a simple bracket support distinguished by a round medallion. The rafter ends of the main church are decorated.

Attached to the southwest (rear) gable end is a shed roofed apse that is extended on each side by shed roofed additions. Gothic arched bubbled glass windows pierce the apse as well as each side addition.

The cemetery that surrounds the building on two sides includes a former iron corner fence post. A chain link fence has been around the perimeter of the graveyard.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The building deserves listing in *Category B* due to its relatively intact condition and contribution to defining the history of northern Trappe Election District.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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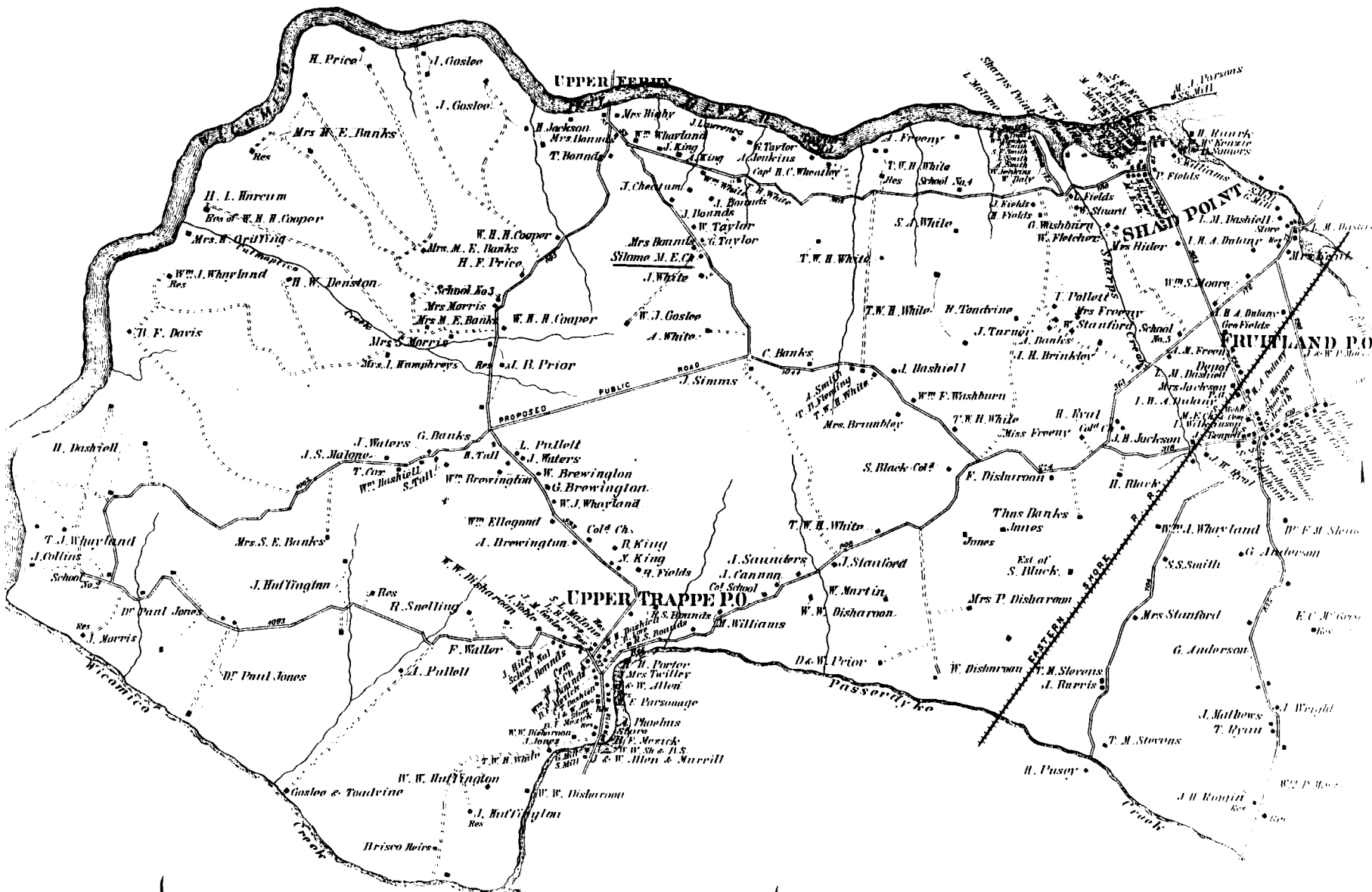
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